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For	SCHEDULING A SHARED RESOURCE AMONG SYNCHRONOUS AND ASYNCHRONOUS PACKET FLOWS
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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination of the above-identified application,  
please amend as follows: